Guidelines for imposition of President's Rule in the States

1856. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
DR. Y. LAXMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any guidelines for imposition of President's Rule in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the guidelines are likely to be laid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The President's rule in the States is imposed in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of India. The issue relating to amendment of article 356 of the Constitution of India is, however, presently under consideration of the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council.

Blasts in Kokrajhar in Assam

1857. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blasts in Kokrajhar and other areas of Assam during this year; and

(b) the present political situation of the State and measures taken to contain violence in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The State Government has informed that during the year 1997 five bomb blast incidents have occurred in Assam.

(b) Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Assam under control. These include, *inter-alia*, deployment of Paramilitary Forces and Army in the State, Coordinated action by Army, Paramilitary & State Police for Counter insurgency operations, declaration of United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) and National Socialist Council of Nagaland [NSCN(I)] as unlawful associations under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made. This has helped to improve the situation in Assam.

डी०आई०जैड० क्षेत्र की सड़कों की मरम्मत करना

1858. श्रीमती मालती शर्मा: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि डी०आई०जैड० क्षेत्र, सेक्टर 4 में ब्लाक संख्या 1 से 8 तक की सड़कों की पिछले कई वर्षों से मरम्मत नहीं की गई है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मो० मकबूल डर): (क) और (ख) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्। डी०आई०जैड० क्षेत्र के सेक्टर-4 में अधिकांश सड़कों और सर्विस लेनों पर मार्च-अप्रैल, 1996 में पुनः सतह बिछा दी गयी थी।

Withdrawal of 'Z' category security

1859. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Z' category security has been withdrawn in some cases of VIPs and their relatives; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The need for security and scale of security arrangements provided to individuals facing threat are reviewed periodically. This is a continuing exercise. The security arrangements are